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SUBJECT: BOARDING OF US FISHING VESSEL RUBY GUY BY
MEXICO GUNBOAT

1. RELIABLE INDUSTRY SOURCE REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT ON
JUNE 19 US SHRIMP VESSEL RUBY GUY WAS BOARDED BY MEXICAN
GUNBOAT DM 14 ON MAY 27 13.5 MILES OFF COAST OF
MEXICO. DISTANCE FROM SHORE DETERMINED BY LORAN. CAPT-
AIN OF RUBY GUY WAS TAKEN ON BOARD GUNBOAT AND PHOTO-
GRAPHED AND RELEASED. DM 14 ALSO TOOK PHOTOGRAPH OF
US VESSEL.

2. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, MEXICANS TOLD CAPTAIN OF RUBY
GUY THAT AT ANY TIME THEY CAUGHT HIM FISHING INSIDE 27
FATHOMS, THEY WOULD SEIZE VESSEL AND LOCK HIM UP.
WITH THAT WARNING HE WAS RELEASED AND RUBY GUY CONTINUED
NORMAL OPERATIONS.

3. MEMBERS OF TEXAS SHRIMP ASSOCIATION ARE VERY UPSET
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OVER DEPTH CRITERIA AND INTEND TO PROTEST IN VERY -

STRONG TERMS. SOURCE STATED AREAS AS FAR AWAY AS 18
MILES OFFSHORE HAVE DEPTHS OF LESS THAN 27 FATHOMS.
ASSOCIATION WANTS DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING
OF PROBLEM.

4. POST IS REQUESTED TO LOOK INTO INCIDENT AND DETERMINE
FACTS OF CASE AND CLARIFY WHETHER GOM HAS ESTABLISHED
A DEPTH CRITERIA IN CONTROLLING ACTIVITIES OF NON-
MEXICAN FISHING VESSELS OFF ITS COAST. KISSINGER

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